

# ASLC NEWS

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## ASLC Fall Hike

We are going to enjoy creation together as we hike a trail near Hot Springs on Sat, Oct 14. We will meet @ the Weaverville Ingles, 140 Weaver Boulevard, at 9:00am and car pool from there. What to bring? Hat, walking stick or track poles, water, sunscreen, rain gear, and a snack. If the weather is iffy the day of the hike, call Pastor Dave @ 505-5229. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

## Treasurer's Report

	Aug 2017
Income	\$6,859.26
Expenses	-9,299.68
Net Income	-\$2,440.42

YTD 2017 Net Income = -  
\$2240.21

Sincerely, Bob Lierman

August was a tough month with lots of people on vacation. Let's try to make up some of the difference in September and thank you for your continued support of ASLC.



## Pastor's Column

"Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug." — *Is 51:1, NRSV*

For those of you who know me well, this is my favorite time of year. 90 degrees is NOT my anointed temperature! I like crisp, cool fall mornings, the vibrant color of the trees and everything pumpkin. However, my favorite part of this season occurs at the end of October and the beginning of November. This starts a trifecta of holy days to remember our loved ones who have gone before us: All Hallows Eve, Dia de los Muertos, and All Saints' Day.

In early October I create an ancestor altar at my house. This tradition may be unfamiliar to you but I find it to be quite meaningful. This altar includes pictures of deceased loved ones I wish to remember, including pets. I also add fresh flowers, candles, and calaveras which are small skeleton figures engaged in everyday activities. This altar is in our dining room so during meal time we light the candles and think of those we love [con't p.2]

[from p. 1] Toward the end of October we have what I call an ancestor dinner which consists of pork and sauerkraut, potato pancakes and apple sauce. This is a traditional German meal that my grandparents would have made and I ate many time as a child. The only problem is the potato pancakes stink up the house so we only do it once a year! Even my German friends don't cook them indoors.

Finally, on All Hallows Eve (Oct 31st), Dia de los Muertos (Nov 1), and All Saints Day (Nov 1) we usually leave a food offering on the altar plus a little libation. We take a moment to remember our ancestors and give thanks for their lives and faith. I usually take the altar down after All Saints Sunday which is on Nov 6th this year.

There is no right or wrong way to do an ancestor altar. It can be as simple as a picture, a candle and a rose in a vase. Whatever pictures and object help you to remember and honor departed loved ones should be a part of your altar. Get creative and let me know if you decide to do one at your house.

Rituals are important in all of our lives and some of those rituals occur in our homes rather than at church. I wish everyone a blessed season of remembrance as we give thanks for those whose love we still feel long after they are gone.

Blessings,  
**Pastor Dave**

### **Plates and Pictures Needed for All Saints Sunday**

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It's that time of year to bring your favorite dinner plate and/or pictures of loved ones you would like to be displayed on our All Saints' Table. You can bring your pictures the day of the event but Pastor Dave would like the plates the week before so he can set up the Table. Thank you!

### **ASLC Church Work Day**

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ASLC Clean-up day is Saturday, Oct 21, 9:00am-12pm. We are going to clean both inside and outside the church. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Rescue Mission Coat Drive**

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The coat drive is Nov 4th. We need volunteers to make cookies, provide hospitality and help clients find coats on the day of the event. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Swannanoa Cleaners is now taking donation of coats for the drive and will clean them for free.

### **Martoccio/Crook Wedding**

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Congratulations to Michael Dawn Martoccio and Set Crook who will be married Sat, Oct 7. Pastor Dave and Gary are officiating.

### **Reformation Sunday**

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Sun, Oct 29 will be the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. A special worship service will be at 11:00am. We are also studying the Small Catechism in Sunday school during the months of October and November. There is also a selection of books in the gathering space on Luther and the Reformation. Finally, don't forget to wear RED that Sunday to celebrate the moving of the Spirit!

### **Fall Convocation**

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Pastor Dave will join the other pastors of the NC Synod at Fall Convocation at Lutheridge, Oct 9-11. Call the church cell phone for any pastoral emergencies during this time.

**Birthdays**

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Sarah Bolick	1
Mark Barrett	3
Reid Usedom	10
Lynnie Barrett	13
Penny Miller	14
Arch Hebb	19
Claudine Kurtz	19
Leah Usedom	24

**Anniversaries**

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Lawson/Sue Hebb	10/02/2010
Mark/Lynnie Barrett	10/15/1988

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please give it to Pastor Dave.

**Small House Cleaning Products**

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Small house cleaning products are needed for Homeward Bound to give to families who are moving into permanent housing. You can get these at places such as the Dollar Store. [No big bottles, please] There is a box in the gathering space for your donations. Thank you!

**Mark Your Calendars!**

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Here are some dates for activities in November: All Saints' Sunday—Nov 5, Prayer Bead Craft for Advent—Nov 12, Rescue Mission Coat Drive—Nov 4, Pritchard Park Breakfast for the Homeless—Nov 19

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<b>Greeter</b>	Kelly/Andrew Bailey		Kay Doverspike	Sue Hebb						
<b>Reader</b>	John Corkran		Brian Propst	Lawson Hebb		Jen Ownbey		Kay Doverspike		
<b>Worship Asst</b>	John Corkran		Brian Propst	Lawson Hebb		Jen Ownbey		Kay Doverspike		
<b>Usher</b>	Keaton Propst									
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Propst									
<b>Tabulate</b>	Dawn Lierman		Corkrans	Butera/Wright		Radles		Dawn Lierman		
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Hebb		Linda Butera	Sue Hebb		Lynnie Barrett				
<b>Nursery</b>			Kay Doverspike							